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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an indictment¹ against Gary Seth Koppelman, charging him with 14 counts of wire fraud. The indictment charges that Koppelman owned and operated Concert Coach and Gear, LLC, ("Concert Coach"), an Internet-based business with addresses at 1020 North Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 319 North 11th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On its Internet website, the business represented that it leased luxury buses for transportation services. Customers who sought services from Concert Coach contacted Concert Coach by way of e-mail or telephone after viewing its Internet website.

The indictment alleges that between May 2005 and October 2006, customers, who usually consisted of businesses and companies that represented musical artists and entertainers, paid for anticipated Concert Coach services at defendant Koppelman's direction by wiring money to Koppelman. After Koppelman received the wire transfers, he ceased all communications with the customers and failed to provide the promised service. Koppelman never refunded the money that victims paid to him for the services that he did not provide. He is charged with defrauding 11 victims for a total of approximately \$262,441.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Gary Seth Koppelman	Miami Beach, Florida	40

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 280 years imprisonment, a \$3,500,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$1,400 special assessment. The case was investigated by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

¹An Information or Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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